

REMARKS

Claims 3 to 5 and 7 to 28 are pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Applicant has amended claim 27, canceled claims 14 to 26 and 28, and withdrawn claims 9 to 13. Claims 3 to 5, 7 to 13, and 27 remain pending.

Restriction

The Examiner imposed a restriction between Group I consisting of claims 3 to 5, 7, 8, and 19 to 27, and Group II consisting of claims 9 to 18 and 28. Applicant hereby elects Group I without traverse. Applicant has withdrawn claims 9 to 13 and canceled claims 14 to 26 and 28.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 27 for depending from canceled claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 27 to depend from independent claim 5.

§ 112 Rejections

The Examiner objected to claim 14 for reciting a limitation that is not enabled by the specification. Applicant notes that claim 14 has a typographical error and should read, “the second switch [is] operable to decouple the second and the third buses when the voltage output from the second voltage circuit falls below the predetermined threshold.” Nonetheless, Applicant has canceled claim 14, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 9 to 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,260,079 (“White”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,046,511 (“Kincaid”).

Applicant has withdrawn claims 9 to 13. Applicant notes that withdrawn claims 9 to 13 depend from independent claim 5, which the Examiner allowed. Accordingly, withdrawn claims 9 to 13 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as claim 5.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 14 to 26 and 28, thereby rendering their rejections moot. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 3 to 5, 7, and 8.

Amended claim 27 now depends from allowed claim 5. Thus, amended claim 27 is in condition for allowance.

Summary

In summary, claims 3 to 5, and 7 to 28 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Applicant has amended claim 27, canceled claims 14 to 26 and 28, and withdrawn claims 9 to 13. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner with withdraw the claim rejections and allow claims 3 to 5, 7 to 13, and 27. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

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